

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Greg Reeder Public Works Director City of Council Bluffs 209 Pearl Street Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Dear Mr. Reeder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed this Final Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to our authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality regulations 40 C.F.R. Part 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The FEIS was assigned the CEQ number 20150246.

Thank you for addressing our comments regarding the purpose and need, connected actions, and range of alternatives in the FEIS. EPA also thanks Iowa Department of Transportation for including various documents showing how and why it chose to discard certain alternatives. This is an important step to ensure the public knows how Iowa DoT arrives at its decisions.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding this project and look forward to our continued participation in the environmental review process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Joe Summerlin at 913-551-7029 or via email at summerlin.joe@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark Hague

Acting Regional Administrator